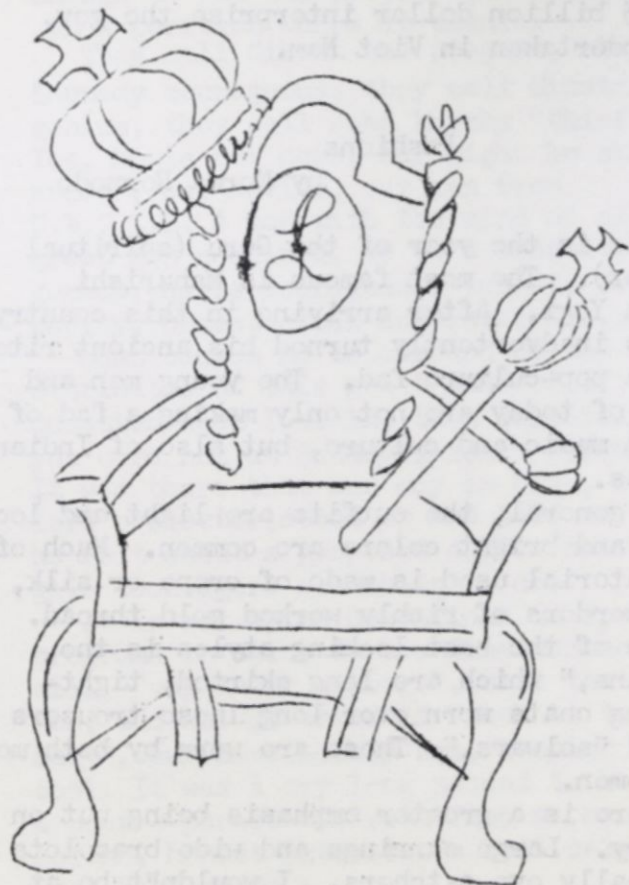




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WHO'S The leader?

Who is the leader? What is absurd? Who are you? Perhaps you know the answer to one or two of these questions, but then perhaps you are only under the impression that you know. Ionesco would certainly question your grip on these questions.

Who is Ionesco?...He wrote The Leader, a play that will answer some of your questions, and at the same time give you a chance to laugh at the human predicament.

Who is Nancy McVey?...She is directing The Leader at the school, today, at 11:30 in the auditorium, admission free. Who else is in it?...Why don't you go and see, after all, it isn't everyday you are offered an answer to questions such as these, and at the same time allowed reel with the mirth of the theatre of the absurd....

for free..

REMEMBER: THE LEADER, BY IONESCO, IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 11:30...FREE.

CUT BACK ON WORK STUDY

by Marc Falbo

The Work Study Program is designed to give qualified (needy) students work on the campus.

The advantages of this program are twofold. First it provides working hours for the student which are compatible with his school hours. Second, it provides the cash to pay for necessary jobs about the campus: such as dishwashers, assistant custodians, and librarians. The Federal Government pays approximately 85%, state 15%.

Early this week Dr. Webster, who is in charge of the program, sent a notice to the supervisors of each work study department. The notice required that the hours of each student would be cut 20%.

This means that thirty to forty students who had planned and depended on the money which was promised them will have to find jobs outside the college. It also means the administration will have to dig up some money somewhere to pay for the absolutely necessary jobs.

Mr. Lucas, the manager of the Mass. Employment Bureau, said that "if you were to walk down the street you wouldn't find a part time job." He mentioned the Cabot strikes and he presumes that these some odd 200 men will also be looking for work. He said that students who need work should still apply and depending on the individual cases something may be worked out. He said that it's possible for two students to split on eight-hour shifts and if transportation was available the student could apply to gather sap in the surrounding area. But as he pointed out, "Historically, January and February are the worst months."

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POLITICS, GCC STYLE

The battle of the century is on (politically speaking, that is). Three members of the college staff are candidates in the upcoming town election. Two of them are competing for the same post.

Mrs. Ethel Case and Dr. Jacob B. Padgug are in the running for the representative to Town Meeting from Precinct 5, while Mr. Robert Keir is running for representative from Precinct 9.

Mrs. Case is also on the ticket for the Warner Fund Scholarship Administration.

Mr. Keir, we believe, sums up the feelings of all three candidates, "I feel that Greenfield has a lot to offer, and that the college can show evidence of its interest in the town by becoming involved."

OBITUARY

There will be a moment of silence today at 12 noon for Maureen Wilkin-son's goldfish "Cyst" who died late Tuesday afternoon following a long illness.

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Dr. Webster gave the reason for the unexpectedness of the cut. One pay period last year the college had extra funds. It promptly used up those extra funds in the following pay period. This year, the school figured on the standard allotment. Dr. Webster discovered that the extra funds from last year were taken by the government from this year's budget.

In my opinion this cut and the total tightness of the colleges budget is due to the 35 billion dollar enterprise the gov. has undertaken in Viet Nam.

Fashions

by Norma Hornodo

This is the year of the Guru (spiritual teacher). The most famous is Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. After arriving in this country he has inadvertently turned his ancient rites into a pop-culture fad. The young men and women of today are not only making a fad of Indian music and culture, but also of Indian clothes.

In general, the outfits are light and loose. White and bright colors are common. Much of the material used is made of crepe or silk, with borders of richly worked gold thread.

One of the best looking styles is the "achkans," which are long skirted, tight-fitting coats worn over long loose trousers called "solwars." These are worn by both men and women.

There is a greater emphasis being put on jewelry. Large earrings and wide bracelots are really eye-catchers. I wouldn't be at all surprised if ankle bracelots come back into style to go along with this oriental look.

It's doubtful that the local stores will pick up this new look, so check the pattern catalogues and mill shops and try your hand at making your own outfit. It would add an exotic touch to your wardrobe at a minimal cost.

BEST WISHES TO PAUL AND ANGELA FEELEY.

WATCH OUT FOR KARL!!!!

It is about time Greenfield stood up for what it syands for, instead of

letting itself be run over without a word or comment. Someone has finally spoken, and his words, like those of Christ, must and will be preserved through the ages to show the world that Greenfield not only has the backbone, but is wise enough to put its people with backbone in a position where it counts.

They call Gibran the prophot, they call Kennedy courageous, they call Einstein a genius, they call John Murphy "Chief". Yes, he is our hero, our knight in shining armour, our savior, our man from U.N.C.L.E. A man with the mind of all great men combined, he is a prophot, a genius, he is courageous, honest, trust-worthy, brave, clean and reverent.....

What causes me to expound on the attributes of this great leader? If you question what I claim, then certainly you were not at Sunday's Youth Forum. It was there that our boy in blue, our lord protector, stood up and told us what he felt about a proposed coffee house to give teen-agers something to do.

It is not up to Greenfield to sponsor programs in which surrounding communities will "pump their garbage", said the great man, and amidst cries of "sock it to 'om baby", our hero humbly sat, keeping his cool. It was a cry long needed to be heard a poetic phrase of truth from a man of solemn, honest interest, a cool calm man, Cool Hand Murph..

Just as Abo Lincoln stunned the crowd with beauty, valor, and truth at Gettysburg, the Chief did, and again like Abo, he heard no cheers, for his words only brought tears to the eyes that hold the intelligence to realize how wonderful, how, oh just fantastic the Chief is??

As a student in Greenfield, a citizen of this illustrious country, and a hero worshipper, I plead openly to the Chief, to please not let his greatness go to his head, to please stay here in Greenfield, not to let Boston or New York pull him away with offers of fantastic sums of money. Please Chief, stay here with the people who need you and depend on you to keep

Greenfield democratic. We need to do just as you said, Chief. We must keep out the garbage, and without your strength, your tenacity, your glorious power, we will fail.. If you find the work too over-burdonung, then I'm sure we could muster up the money for an assistant to sit with at your right hand, anything, just stay, and keep your cool.

ART CLUB DANCE MAJOR SUCCESS

A world of magic and an aura of excitement swept through the auditorium last Wednesday night at what proved to be the best prepared and attended dance in the history of GCC. Fantastic might be a close description, but certainly not accurate enough to describe the mood which the art club set.

The Magic Theater's vibrations kept everyone moving through a wild atmosphere of lights, flashing slides, giant animals and over 300 people. The music never stopped, as art club tapes filled in the intermissions with today's popular music.

The art club should certainly be commended for the endless hours they donated in order to present the evening. As organizations go they seem far superior to others, as the programs they present have always been well planned and executed. Hopefully the art club will find the time to present another function during the semester, although they certainly can't be expected to out do the job that they did last Wednesday. Who knows, perhaps their talents are really endless.

At any rate, those who missed the dance most definitely missed more than a dance; they missed an evening of excellent music, living art, good people, and proof that at least one organization at the school is willing to put itself out for their fellow students.

HOLA, DAMAS Y CABALLEROS,
Arriba!--- A Spanish club has been formed at GCC. All students taking Spanish are welcome to come to meetings on Mondays, at 11:30 in room 103.

STUDENTS IN POLITICS

To the Editor:

Every year a number of students from GCC donate their time to working in the town elections. This year the Republican Town Committee has extended an invitation to any students interested in helping. The voluntary work consists of only a few hours on election day either manning the telephone, or driving in the transportation pool.

Any students interested in helping, please contact Phil May.

Sincerely,
Phil May

SLAVE AUCTION CANCELLED

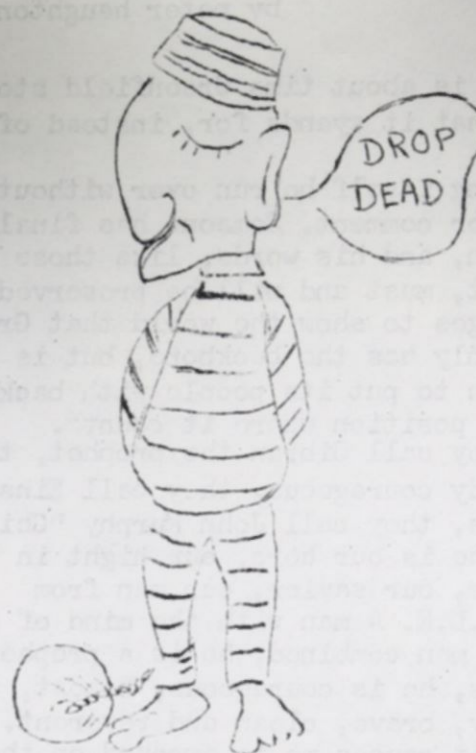
To the Editor

Due to a lack of interest and co-operation of the majority of faculty members, the Slave Auction has been cancelled. (During the previous week, faculty members were given a memo, asking them to help a certain club obtain funds for the rest of the semester.) They were asked to either donate their services or an item such as a movie pass or dinner invitation. They were also told that a member of this club would contact them within the week to discuss the auction in greater detail.. Immediately after the memos were distributed, posters were placed in the halls. When the members contacted the faculty, the majority of the faculty said "no", because the students had taken them for granted by setting a date and publicizing the event.

(One of the rules of this school is to clear any activity concerning a school function through the proper channel of communication and authority. This was done!!)

Now we hear that certain members of the faculty are going to boycott the whole program. If this is a sample of the spirit which the faculty has towards the school, then why should we include them in any activity at all? They yell at us for a lack of school spirit--- next time, someone should tell them to "practice what you preach".

However, I would like to thank those few isolated faculty members who so graciously



agreed to participate in the auction. I would also like to apologize for the majority of the faculty members, whom the students assume are willing to participate with the students, but do not.

Kitty Connolly

WANTED.....

CHEAP used furniture. Couch, chairs, lamps etc. Contact Linda Mason, through BOX M, student mailbox, or through UNDERCURRENT.

THE LEADER Wed, Feb.28,
11:30 a.m.

admission.....FREE!!

SKI WEEKEND..MARCH 8, 9, 10. Mt. Ascutney
\$ 14.00 to Outing Club Members.....
includes-skiing, meals, lodging
limited number can go
\$4.00 will hold your place.

FORUM NEWS

A forum, co-sponsored by the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce and the Community College, dealing with the Selectman-Administrator type of town government, will be presented on Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 P.M. in the college auditorium. Mr. Burt Winer will speak for this type of government, while Dr. Spencer Flo will speak against it.

All area voters, and interested students are invited. All are urged to get the facts and to VOTE ON MARCH 4.

There is a possibility that this discussion will be transmitted live over radio station WHAI.

CULTURAL EVENTS---LECTURE

On Wednesday, February 28, there will be an illustrated lecture in the Greenfield Community College auditorium, at 7:30 P.M. The title of this presentation will be "Quabbin Reservoir-- Past Present & Future", and is to be presented by Mrs. Ruth Rice.

Mrs. Rice, who was born in North Dana, one of the towns incorporated in the Metropolitan District Commission, has compiled pictures of that area, now under the reservoir.

The program is open to the public, free of charge, and will prove entertaining and informative to those who attend.

TUTORING STAFF MEETING

There will be a meeting of all tutors Wednesday, February 28, at 7:30 P.M. at Mrs. Case's home. There will be an explanation of the math program in the Junior High, by Mr. Charles Moore, math co-ordinator in the Junior High. A social hour will follow. All tutors are requested to attend.

THE PHYSICISTS....

"The meat of this play's thesis is raw and acrid, difficult to swallow, but imperative to be chewed."... N.Y. Times

SEE IT---

April 26, 27, 28.

May 3&4



"Walk on the Wild Side"

MOVIE FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.

G.C.C. AUDITORIUM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 28

11:30 a.m. play- auditorium

"THE LEADER"

6:30p.m. financial board meeting

7:30p.m. lecture- auditorium

"Quabbin Reservoir"

7:30p.m. tutor meeting-

Mrs. Case's home

MARCH

1 movie- Walk on the Wild Side

3 forum- 7:30- auditorium

Town Government

4 VOTE TODAY

4 Student Government meeting

8-9-10 Ski Weekend-- Outing Club

GET WELL SOON MARGIE--WE MISS YOU !!

SPORTS SHORTS

With the Community College Tournament scheduled for March 8 & 9, it is time to consider our own teams' chances. To date the Barons have been exceptionally inconsistent. Their record stands at 8--6 but it is rather misleading actually, considering the number of close losses. For instance, Mt. Wachusett beat us 61-60. They will be represented in the tourney and are the favorites. The other two schools will be Berkshire Community College from Pittsfield, and Quinsigamond Community College of Worcester.

The Barons have split with Quinsigamond and have beaten the Berkshire team twice.

Perhaps the most significant reason for the teams inconsistency is an unbalanced attack. The guards, Frank Siano and Bob Eldridge are carrying the offensive load. Bob is averaging over 20 points per game, and Frank is in the high teens. However, the big men up front aren't complimenting the team and this allows the opponent to concentrate on the back court. If Siano and Eldridge could get the ball up front and balance off the scoring, it would look good for the team in the tourney.

LEARN TO SKI JAMBOREE

March 9 & 10 Sponsored by
Edelweiss Ski Club
Thunder Mountain
Sweeney Ford

FREE

Instruction and transportation provided
You may rent equipment if necessary
Registration at Sweeney Ford Sales
Deadline.....Feb. 29
open to all Franklin County residents.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Under the direction of Miss Karen Hancock the girls' basketball team is sporting a fine 4-1 record. This is the first season the women have really organized, and the results are worth it. Their only loss was against the University of Massachusetts varsity women's team, and that was by a mere six points. They are hoping to avenge this defeat on March 6.

It has been a difficult year for the girls because they had no regular gym in which to practice. Many times they

go into a game cold.
their next game will be against Keene State on Tuesday.

GIRLS' RECORD

by Carolyn Tracy

		GCC	OPP
1/30	Mt. Wachusett	77	14
2/7	U Mass	32	38
2/10	Mt. Wachusett	38	14
2/13	Keene State	73	36
2/20	Mt. Holyoke	52	43

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Mary Ozdarski	RG	16
Norma Kawocki	RF	7
Sandy Bodoin	RF	
Peg Wickline	F	19
Carolyn Siron	G	
Gini Hathaway	RG	
Kitty Connolly	F	
Carolyn Tracy	F	16
Sandra Henderson	G	

BIG GAME Wednesday, March 6 7:30 p.m.

U Mass vs GCC Girls This is guaranteed to be a good game.

TYPIST NEEDED BY THE UNDERCURRENT!!!!!!

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